

Appl. No. 10/540,908  
Amdt. Dated April 16, 2009  
Reply to Office Action of January 13, 2009

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The Official Action of January 13, 2009 has been thoroughly studied. Accordingly, the changes presented herein for the application, considered together with the following remarks, are believed to be sufficient to place the application into condition for allowance.

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application.

Claims 8-10 stand withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Claim 1-5 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Under this rejection the Examiner has taken the position that, while being enabling for a few derivatives of triptolide, the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for the wider variety of derivatives encompassed by the formulae.

In response to this rejection claims 1-4 have been amended in the manner courteously suggested by the Examiner on page 9 of the Office Action - with the addition that Y can be "H" which is supported by applicants' Examples 1 and 2.

It is believed that the amendments to the claims address and overcome the outstanding rejection of the claims.

On page 9 of the Office Action the Examiner has objected to claims 5 and 6 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

It is submitted that each of claims 1-7 are presently allowable for the reasons set forth above.


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It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration is requested.

If upon consideration of the above, the Examiner should feel that there remain outstanding issues in the present application that could be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's patent counsel at the telephone number given below to discuss such issues.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 12-2136 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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